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1. On page 1, Nachal'hikm Rayonnovo Ot'dyela is correctly Nachal'nik Rayonnogo Otdela.
2. On page 2, Geologitcheskaya is correctly Geologicheskaya.

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POSSIBLE URANIUM MINING IN LOVOZERO REGION:

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After making an inspection of explosives stored at Imandra,

"very large concrete building"

explosive storage as

at Lovozero /N 68-05, E 36-05/

given a reindeer-drawn sleigh, food supplies, and a Lapp woman who would guide them to a site "somewhere in the Tundra" where another explosive storage was to be inspected. guide and equipment was supplied by the Chief of the Regional Branch (Natchal'hikm Rayonnovo Ot'dyela) at Lovozero.

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3. Description of Trip into Tundra: The trip lasted two or three days. No towns or signs of life were seen during the whole time--only mud, snow, and forests. it would be impossible to travel through the trackless Tundra without a guide.

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4. Description of Surroundings at Destination:

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[redacted] a labor camp located in a hilly region. Camp had 10 - 15 large tents which house an unknown number of workers. [redacted] the only means of transportation in that area was by reindeer. [redacted] the camp was only recently built since workers still lived in tents. These workers were probably penal laborers [redacted], since their earnings were withheld and recorded in pay books. Although food was described as excellent, workers complained about insufficient vodka rations. [redacted] food was supplied by air-drops every six months. Camp had no electricity. Illumination was by kerosene lamps. [redacted] few women around the camp; one tended explosives which were stored in a single tent. Stored explosives were described as "Trotyl" (which looked like cakes of soap) and "powder".

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Camp administration was housed in a log cabin. [redacted] SERGEYEV spent the night there before returning to Lovozero. During the night [redacted] many nearby explosions.

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5. Location of Camp Site:

[redacted] the camp was located 120 km. from Lovozero. Lapp guide also repeated this information during the trip.

6. Type of Ore Mined by Camp:

[redacted] the ore which was mined in the camp's vicinity "was used for the production of atomic energy (Atomnaya Energiya)." [redacted] a sample of this ore [redacted] described as "dark brown, looked and felt like stone coal - only brown - [redacted] ore was shipped out for crushing (Pazdrobleniye). [redacted]

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POSSIBLE URANIUM MINING IN SAL'NIYE TUNDRAS (KOLA PENINSULA):

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[redacted] ore which was "used for the production of atomic energy". Samples of ore were seen everywhere in the cabin. [redacted] described [redacted] as being "just like the ore" which was seen [redacted] Lovozero (described above).

8. [redacted] the headquarters of the Geological Survey Team which was formerly located at Leningrad, is now located in Petrozavodsk /N 61-49, E 34-207. [redacted]

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